

As parents fulfill their responsibility to love, encourage, and guide their children, youngsters have the opportunity to develop the self-esteem and competence that equip them to make sound decisions when they become adults.

National Children's Day provides a time for us to recognize the value, vitality, and potential of our young people. It is a day to recommit ourselves to nurturing our youth and to helping them achieve a healthy and happy future. We must strive to encourage our children to take advantage of opportunities for positive educational experiences and training, for the manner in which our children grow and learn will dramatically affect how our Nation is able to meet its future challenges.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States, in accordance with House Joint Resolution 191 (Public Law 97-29), do hereby proclaim August 8, 1982, as National Children's Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate activities in their homes and communities.

95 Stat. 149.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 30th day of June in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and sixth.

RONALD REAGAN

**Proclamation 4952 of July 6, 1982**

**P.O.W.-M.I.A. Flag**

*By the President of the United States of America  
A Proclamation*

Friday, July 9, 1982 has been designated as "National P.O.W.-M.I.A. Recognition Day, 1982." It is a fitting mark of recognition of the uncommon sacrifices of all former American prisoners of war, those still missing, and their families, that a P.O.W.-M.I.A. flag fly over the White House and the Pentagon.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution as President and Commander in Chief of the armed forces, do hereby proclaim that a P.O.W.-M.I.A. flag shall be flown, subordinate to the National Colors, over the White House and the Pentagon on National P.O.W.-M.I.A. Recognition Day, Friday, July 9, 1982.

USC prec. title 1.

I invite other government officials and individuals to join in this special mark of recognition and to participate in appropriate observances.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixth day of July, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

RONALD REAGAN